300.000 BRITISH TROOPS IN FRANCE

By December 1 Field Marshal French Will Have 500,000.

KITCHENER'S NEW ARMY WILL NUMBER 1,000,000

Germans on Firing Line, 1,750,000; Allies, 2,225,000, Is the Outside Estimate.

PARIS, October 20.-No fewer than 300,000 British soldiers are under the of Field Marshal Sir John French on the firing lines at this time Beyond these, however, there were many auxiliary troops on duty at the action as a complete unit in conjunction with their French comrades, under the nand of Gen. Joffre.

The British base is near a port on the English channel, and the field of action of the British troops is near the Helgian frontler and in Belgium itself. Virtually all these British soldiers in the field are of all branches of the army,

world.

The gaps in their ranks are filled by re-enlisted men, who have hastened back to the army at Lord Kitchener's cail. By December I, this year, when it is expected large bodies of British territorials who have volunteered for foreign service will have been trained sufficiently to take the field, it is estimated that the force at Sir John French's disposal will have reached 500,000 men. These will include the British and native troops from India and portions of the garrisons at Malta and Gibraltar. By that time, also, many of the Australlan, Canadian and New Zealand detachments will have joined the forces on the continent.

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The bulk of Lord Kitchener's new rmy of 1,000,000 men new coming into being will not, according to an expert nilitary view, be ready for service in the field until next spring, but owing to the superior class of the men who

to the superior class of the men who have responded to the call their training is progressing rapidly.

Among them, according to authoritative circles, there are nearly 200,000 old soldiers who have served in the British regular army for periods ranging from seven to twelve years, and these form an admirable stiffening for the new recruits from civil life, whom they assist in training. To these must be added many men who have served short periods in the volunteer forces of the militia.

According to officers recently arrived from England, all weakly men among the new recruits have been rapidly weeded out during the stiff training. and most of the men are developing into fine shots, while their excellent physical condition will make them a valuable addition to the vast allied army which will be in the field next

Information Scarce.

Precise information upon the numbers of men engaged in particular actions on any part of the allies' 300-mile batle line in France and Belgium is never fown outside of a small group of me who surround Gen. Joffre, the French commander-in-chief. This is the unsat-isfactory feature about all the informa-tion coming from the front. One hears of great battles with terrific losses, sometimes estimated at 20,000 or 25,000

But when it comes to the relative size of the armies engaged in the western field of the war something like general accuracy is obtained in field of the war something like general accuracy is obtainable. Competent persons attached to the French war office estimate that the Germans have in Belgium, in France and along the German frontier to Switzerland about 1,750,000 men. The French and English undoubtedly have a numerical superiority. Possibly the allies, including Belgium, have 2,225,000 men on or near the fighting lines.

The question then is, why do not the allies turn the Germans out of France and Belgium? One reason is that the power of the defense is greater with modern weapons and intrenchments

power of the defense is greater with modern weapons and intrenchments than the power of offense. There is probably no position on the whole line that either army could not take if it was determined to do so. It is simply a question of concentrating sufficient forces on that point and suffering the inevitable losses. Masses can take any position, military masters affirm, only the price must be paid in losses.

A position is taken at a loss greater than has been inflicted, and the winners, upon advancing, find themselves against another position, which also may be taken. Only, if this operation is repeated often enough, the numerical superiority of the attack will become an inferiority as the weeks go

come an inferiority as the weeks go on and the war will be lost.

Careful of Lives.

Gen. Joffre and Field Marshal French are careful of the lives of their men. They seek to accomplish large results by letting the Germans attack under unfavorable circumstances, when they will do so, and the allied commanders appear to consider that the Germans may be engaged to greater advantage in France and in Belgium than in Germany. The effort is to dispose of the allied troops upon this or that part of the vast front so that important fractions of the invaders may be destroyed or captured. For the allied simply to drive the Germans before them—if that should be possible—would be to drive them back upon their bases with armies intact. The problem of beating the Germans on this frontier would be more difficult every mile they were simply driven back.

A deep conviction seems to exist at the beadquarters in the field and at the ministry of war that the war is to be an long one; that the victory is to be won solely by attrition, and that this process of attrition can be applied as well in northern France and in Belgium as on the Rhine.

The profound care of the military administration is not to be extravagant with the unreplaceable human material. It is poured out lavishly for defense and also for attack where the point has an important relation to the larger plan, but lives are none the less guarded where there is no capital military object in pouring them out. The look ahead is for a long war—a year or more—and the men must be kept allve to carry it on. will do so, and the allied commanders appear to consider that the Germans

Human War Material.

France still has probably a million and a half of men capable of bearing arms, most of them under arms, who have never been to the front. are the very young men and the reserves of the older classes who are b ing trained for taking their places on the battle lines and to serve as the

the battle lines and to serve as the material for repairing the wastage. France, therefore, can lose one and a half million men and yet maintain her gigantic armies on the fighting lines at their present strength.

The same thing may be true of Germany—it probably is—and therefore military observers in Paris cannot believe in a short and decisive war. The immense operations which have already taken place are looked upon as merely the beginning, as merely the deployment and opening engagements of a war which may not reach its greatest rioletce until spring.

Building Permits.

Building repair permits were issue Washington Brewing Company, to repair bottling department between 4th, 5th, E and F streets northeast; esti-mated cost, \$450. mated cost, \$450.

Security Savings and Commercial Bank, to repair store at 700 7th street

Not Granted Leave to Visit

northwest; estimated cost, \$1,200.

Charles Werner, to repair dwellings at 2241-43 10th street northwest; estimated cost, \$150.

T. J. Malloy, to repair store at 3241 M street northwest; estimated cost, \$250. \$250.

E. L. and S. V. Fisher, to repair dwelling at 2122 K street northwest; estimated cost, \$300.

A. A. Birney, to repair building at 1751 Columbia road; estimated cost,

E. Harrod, to repair dwelling on Elvans road southeast; estimated cost J. Rosenbaum, to repair store at 3503 Georgia avenue northwest; estimated

cost, \$560.

M. E. Henderson, to repair dwelling at 1308 Girard street; estimated cost, A. O. Bliss, to repair apartment at 423 Massachusetts avenue; estimated J. F. Leary, to repair barroom at 907 South Capitol street southwest; esti-mated cost, \$50.

ALONG THE RIVER FRONT.

Arrivals.

Schooner Charles E. Rohle, railroad ties, from a Chesapeake bay point, at granting leave has added to the dis-an Eastern branch wharf, for L. A. content. Clarke & Son; schooner J. R. Walters, oysters from Chesapeake bay beds, at 11th street wharf, for the local market; Virtually all these British sold.

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Viv schooner Etta, canned goods, from

city; schooner Lanclott, light, from the Eastern branch for Liverpool point to load back to this city; schooner J. R. Dixon, light, for a Potomac point after oysters for the market here; schooner Columbia F. C., from Alexandria, with coal for Kinsale, Va.; schooner Elizabeth Carter, light, from Alexandria for Nomini creek, Va., to load cord wood for this market; schooner Thomas W. Oliver, light, for a Chesapeake bay point to load cysters for the market here; steamer Southland, for Old Point and Norfolk, with passengers and freight.

Tugs and Tows. Eastern branch for Liverpool point to load back to this city; schooner J. R.

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Tug James O. Carter left for Occo-quan, Va., after raft of pine piling for yard improvement work; tug Louise, arrived from Occoquan towing brick-laden lighter for the District

land is due here with cord wood from Nanjemoy creek for local dealers; schooner Majestic is in the lower river to load oysters for this market; schoon er J. P. Robinson is due to sail from Upper Machodoc creek with cord wood for the market; schooner Levin J. Mar-vel has arrived, light, at Baltimore from this city to load for North Carolina; schooner Five Sisters is due to sail

Held on Forgery Charge.

the Police Court yesterday before Judge Mullowny. He was held for the action of the grand jury in \$1,000 bonds.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Don't apologize for doing your duty. One way to unsettle a question is to argue about it. Never form your opinion of an egg

The average husband is a silent

Even a fast man may not make a rapid recovery when he's ill.

It's only the brilliant sayings of the first baby that count. The man with a grievance never nisses an opportunity to mention it. A fool friend can wield a hammer as effectively as a bitter enemy.

CANADIANS LONELY IN ENGLISH CAMP

Relatives and Friends While Waiting Marching Orders.

FEEDING OF THE TROOPS CAUSES MUCH COMPLAINT

Ottawa Dispatches Say Next Contingent to Go Abroad Will Consist of 15,000 Men.

SALISBURY, England, October 23 .-The members of the Canadlan contingent are anything but happy in their camps on the lonely plains of Salisbury. They find the distances to the inhabited part of the country are as great as at the Valcartier camp, and the parsimony of their commanders in

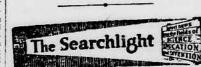
The English-born members of the contingent are especially anxious to visit relatives and friends, but few of

Liberty Cut Short.

Arriving in camp they found the dry regulations prevailing at Valcartier were still the rule in the new encampment. After camp was pitched the soldiers used their few hours of leave in a general exodus to the nearest villages, where their celebrations became so hoisterous that their new-found liberty was soon cut short by provost guard, which cleared all the village of every man in uniform, not even officers being exempt from the raid.

The feeding of the Canadian army has also proved a prolific source of complaint, which began before the transports were out of sight of land. The soldiers assert that the stewards were allowed to hoard all the dainties on board and sell them at exorbitant rates. The same complaint is being made against the mess contractors at the Salisbury plains camps. made against the mess contractors at the Salisbury plains camps.

No huts have yet been prepared for the Canadians, and the small conical tents in which from six to eight men are crowded are not proving weather-proof. The men resent the idea of spending winter on the plains, and are clamoring to be taken to the front as soon as possible.



Fraternities and Study.

Five years ago an officer in the Uni-Charged with forging the name of versity of Illinois began to keep care-Rev. Dr. George Dudley to a check for ful accounting of the grade of work \$3.50, Horace A. Bell was arraigned in done by fraternity men and of the Police Court version. Comparison of the university as a whole.
Comparison of these statistics, or
rather of the average standing of the
fraternity men with that of the men
student body as a whole, has shown the
general average to be higher semester. for semester than that maintained by the fraternity students. Further, the average for the fraternity students has hovered with cons.stency just around passing grades.

In order to improve the situation it was decided to publish fraternity stand-ings, together with figures showing the average standing of all the young men in the university. When this plan was hit upon the fraternity men were bathit upon the fraternity men were batting somewhere around 79, while the
average standing for all students was
above S1. Publication, however, began to
have immediate effects. The average of
fraternity scholarship has been steadily
improving since, although it has not
yet been able to overtake the average
maintained by the whole student body.

CHURNGOLD Gold of the Churn

Madam, you will be delighted with the delicious aroma and flavor of CHURNGOLD. Its fine texture resembles that of uncolored creamery butter of the fancy variety. It is churned expressly for table use and put up in dust proof and edor proof cartons.

Consumers should learn to color CHURNGOLD at home to a rich June shade and save 10c on each pound. Dealers, hotels, restaurants, boarding houses or other institutions conducted for profit are forbidden by law to artificially color oleomargarine. This privilege is reserved by law to consumers only for their family table.

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Sale Starts Saturday 9 A.M. An Early Selection Is Advised

Suits and Over-Russian button-to-the-neck collar styles—also Long Coats cluded. Sizes 21/2 to 10.

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Boys' "Bell" Blouses. with collar or band, guaranteed perfect and representing the standard 50c quality. Limit of four to a customer; at, each....

Lot 1—This lot includes Lot 2—Boys' Wool Suits Lot 3—Fully 1,200 Suits Lot 4—Boys' All - wool and Overcoats, in and Overcoats coats in beautiful cassimere about 50 different styles. The comprise this lot. The Suits effects. Stripes and solid col- Suits are Balkan and Norfolk are all-wool cassimeres, guar- fects, with two pairs of pants. ors. The Suits are Balkan models; many with 2 pairs of anteed True Blue Serges; also The Overcoats are the consermodels; sizes 6 to 18. The pants. The Overcoats are cordurous in Norfolk and Bal-vative models; also many styles five styles of rainproof Balma-Overcoats are the juvenile button to the neck and shawl kan styles. Every style Overcoat is represented, including the popular Balmacaan. Many style. Chinchilla cloths in- for the big boys. All sizes in of the Suits have two pairs of the lot from 21/2 to 17 years. pants. Sizes 6 to 18 years.

Regular \$6 and \$7 Values, \$3.98

Boys' Pants in all-wool cassimeres and narrow twill corduroy; also full-ined guaranteed True Blue serges. Sizes 6 to 17 years. \$1.50 quality for.....

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roy and beautiful cassimere ef- 例

Extra Special-300 all-wool

Guaranteed True Blue Serge

Suits, with two pairs of full-

lined trousers. Sizes 6 to 18.

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Regular

\$9.00

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These Handsome Silk Girdles ere in the new basque effect, in black, Roman stripes, plain colors and evening shades, and are much out of the ordinary at \$1.98. Tomorrow's price will 50c

Party Boxes Party Boxes provided with in black and all fittings. volors; fitted. Worth \$198; for... 69c \$1.25

Handbags Handbags in new shapes, shown in real made of fine pin seal leather puality black in choice of silk velvet. Spe- black or colors;

\$2.95 \$3.48

Special Handbags, \$1.50 in assorted leathers and many colors, provided with the new Shur \$1.50

-Main Floor.

Free Embroidery Classes for children are conducted here every Saturday morning, subject only to the qualification that in excalinge for the service we render in this connection lit-tle girls will buy their necessary supplies and materials at this

Pillow Tops | Centerpieces made of good shown in fine tan linen and quality white stamped for rep. 27 inches in French knots size, beautifully and lazy daisy embroidery. Worth 25c; for tomorrow at 10c to 25c; for local to 10c

Free Nonspi

To further introduce "Nonspi" to the women of Washington we will give away FREE tomorrow with every 50c purchase of Toilet Goods a 25c bottle of this dainty

POMPEIAN Massage 25c fume, in convenient size 25c KOLYNOS Tooth Paste, special Saturday. 17c

MANICURE SETS, of four pieces, nicely boxed, 25c

LA REINE Massage Cream, worth 25c a jar, Powder, in all tints, for.. 15c.
ARMOUR'S SOAP, very spe-SWANSDOWN Face cial Saturday, 4 cakes CUTICURA SOAP. 50C Saturday, 3 cakes for.... Main Floor.

50c Pearl Beads at Special, Saturday, we shall of-fer a purchase of Beautiful Pearl

Beads in neck lengths. 39c Regularly worth 50c; for 39c Brooch Pins, Lockets, 50c. with a solid Tomorrow we with a solid gold top, guaranteed for 5 years; plain or with stone settings 50c

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Regular \$1.00 values. Shown in sterling silsterling silshown in blonde ver, with stone or de missettings ... 79c for 25c

Cuff Links | Jet Beads Initial style, in the long coat made extra style. Very popstrong, and ular values at worth all of 25c. For 50c; for ... 39c Saturday at ... 19c

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Values Up to \$12.00 It seems that a magic transformation has taken place over night. It

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feel that no better qualities were ever offered any 50 per cent more. Plenty of plain white madras garments \$1.00 among them. All sizes.....—Men's Shop, Main Floor. Children's Day in Ready-to-

Wear, Featuring New Fall Coats

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hundred wonderful new models in Children's Coats, Comprising

Cloth Coats, in sizes 6 to 14 years; made in the very latest metropolitan styles of choice new materials and shown in a choice range beyond description, at \$3.90, \$4.90, \$17.50

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Children's Raincoats Children's Wash Dresses with hats to match, fully guar-anteed in every respect, will A special lot of Children's Wash Dresses, made of highanteed in every respect, will go Saturday while a lot of 100 grade, tub-fast materials; nicely made and finished. Sizes 6 to

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WOMEN'S All-linen Handkerchiefs, WOMEN'S Crepe de Chine Hand-

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Worth 39c. For Saturday 25c

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